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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is responsive to the Final Office Action dated June 6, 2005, issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Final Office Action originally was due September 6, 2005. Applicants hereby request a three month extension of time to reply to the Final Action, thereby extending the deadline to December 6, 2005. In view of the filing of the extension of time, the subject application is currently pending and this Communication is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.